

Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee
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UNIT	PROJECT	FUND	DESCRIPTION	BENEFITS	PARTNERSHIP LEVERAGE	AWARDED
B-D NF	Gravelly Mt. Grizzly Bear Conservation	NFWF	Implement the grizzly bear Food Storage Order in the Gravelly, Snowcrest and Greenhorn Mountains	GYCC priority. Food Storage implementation is significant part of grizzly bear conservation.	50:50 match with NRCC, GYC, Defenders of Wildlife, WWF	\$7,000
B-D NF	Winter Range Noxious Weed Control	NFWF NFRG	Treat 150 acres of spotted knapweed infestation on Powder Gulch and Ice Creek winter range habitat.	GYCC priority. Treat weeds on critical ungulate winter habitat.	RMEF contributed \$2,500 match	\$4,000
B-D NF	Winter Visitor Use Monitoring	NFRW	Enhancement of winter visitor use in specific forest areas that may serve as a barometer for winter recreation use changes occurring in the region.	GYCC priority. Critical to management of winter visitor use experiences and protection of natural resources.		\$4,000
B-T NF	Front Line Assistance Program – Weed Management Program in Sublette County	NFRG	Implement Front Line Assistance Programs in Sublette CO where land fragmentation is causing increased weed problems.	GYCC priority. Program known to be successful in communicating need for weed management on private lands.	Highlands CWMA, Lincoln Co Weed & Pest, State & Private Forestry, NFWF – Pulling Together Grant	\$5,000
B-T NF	Salt Site Compliance and Reclamation	NFRW	Increase compliance of FS and WGFD regulations prohibiting use of salt as wildlife attractant. Site restoration. Education, monitoring, enforcement.	GYCC priority. Increase compliance of existing federal and state rules, restore salt sites, conserve wildlife impacted by human attractants.	RMEF, Sierra Club, WY Outfitter and Guide Assoc., Boone and Crockett Club, Safari Club, WY Wildlife Fed., GYC, WOC, NOLS	\$4,000
B-T NF	Confluence Information Center	NFRW NFWF NFRG NFFM	Host visitor center in Alpine, WY conveying information on public lands, visitor opportunities and rules and regulations pertinent to regional visitors.	Important portal into the southern GYA. Access the public and provide important public land use information, permits, and guidance.	Town of Alpine, Lincoln CO, Star Valley Chamber of Commerce, BOR, Grays Lake NWR, Grand Teton Natural History Assoc.	\$5,000

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B-T NF	Snake River and Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Subspecies Distribution Mapping	NFWF	Document distribution of Snake River cutthroat trout and Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the Snake River headwaters. FY 04 focus on tributaries upstream of Jackson Lake.	GYCC priority. Determine extent of occupancy, population connectivity – important for native trout conservation.	WGFD, JH One Fly Foundations, JH Trout Unlimited, TU Coldwater Conservation Fund	\$10,000
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C-T NF	Burns & Trout Creeks Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Passage (YCT)	NFWF CMRD	Remove impassable culverts on Burns and Trout Creeks, restoring the streams to benefit Yellowstone cutthroat trout.	GYCC Priority. Restores important YCT habitat. Conservation of sensitive species habitat.	USFWS, TU, TRTR Bonneville & Lincoln CO., Resource Adv. Comm. = \$50,000	\$6,500
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C-T NF	Sawtell Creeks Habitat Improvement and YCT Restoration	NFWF	Restore YCT to part of their native range within Henry's Fork drainage. Eradicate brook trout, return water to natural channels, create over-winter habitat	GYCC priority. Restores important YCT habitat. Conservation of sensitive species habitat.	IFG, Henrys Fork Watershed Council, Eastern Idaho Resource Advisory Committee, NRCS = \$90,000	\$10,000
C-T NF	Fish Creek/Graham Hollow Grazing Exclosures	NFWF NFRG	Construct 3.5 mi. fence to restrict cattle from riparian area. Install ATV/motorcycle cattle guards to reduce sediment load on Moody Cr, which is a stream of concern (State 303d stream).	GYCC priority. Important for the conservation of YCT in one of their strongholds on the forest.	TU = \$10,000 Grazing Permittee= \$10,000	\$2,500

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C-T NF	Winter Recreation Education, Signing & Law Enforcement	NFRW	Enhance education, signage and field presence in effort to promote responsible snowmobiling in areas adjacent to Jed Smith wilderness area.	GYCC priority. Promote responsible snowmobiling, which benefits wildlife, other recreational users and enhances compliance with wilderness law.	Idaho and Wyoming Snowmobile Assoc., NOLS, Rendezvous Ski Tours, WGFD, IDFG, Blue Ribbon Coalition	\$5,000
Custer NF	Winter Visitor Use Monitoring	NFRW	Enhancement of winter visitor use in specific forest areas that may serve as a barometer for winter recreation use changes occurring in the region.	GYCC priority. Critical to management of winter visitor use experiences and protection of natural resources.		\$2,000
Custer NF	Whitebark Pine Stand Exam Inventory-Beartooth Mountains	NFVW NFWF	Determine conditions and health of whitebark pine stands on the Beartooth District	GYCC priority. WBP is critical food resource for grizzly bear population in the GYA.		\$4,000
Gallatin NF	Winter Visitor Use Monitoring	NFRW	Enhancement of winter visitor use in specific forest areas that may serve as a barometer for winter recreation use changes occurring in the region.	GYCC priority. Critical to management of winter visitor use experiences and protection of natural resources.		\$6,000
Gallatin NF	Duck Creek Wetlands – Land Acquisition	NFLM	GYCC funds will be used to complete the purchase of Duck Creek wetlands, such as title, severed mineral issues.	GYCC priority and emphasis. Duck Creek is important grizzly bear, bison and ungulate migration habitat 1 mile west of YNP.	Trust for Public Lands MT Delegation, MFWP, Gallatin County, local citizens of Hebgen Basin	\$10,000
Gallatin NF	Beartooth Weed Cooperative Management Area	NFRG NFVW	Initiate development of Cooperative Weed Management Area that serves weed management in Cooke City, Upper Clark Fork & Silver Gate	GYCC priority. Treat weeds along All American Highway which is conduit of travelers into YNP, SNF, CNF, GNF	Beartooth Alliance, YNP, Park County, SNF	\$6,000
Gallatin NF	Weed Control in the A-B Wilderness	NFVW NFRW	Monitor effectiveness and retreat if needed, 30 acres of houndstongue, knapweed and toadflax in the A-B Wilderness	GYCC priority. Evaluates effectiveness of weed treatment in wilderness setting.	MFWP, Silver Tip Ranch, Slough Creek and Hell's a-Roarin' Outfitters = \$11,000	\$3,000

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Gallatin NF	Assessment of Long-term Wilderness Campsite Condition and Human Use Trends in the A-B Wilderness	NFRW NFIM	Analyze information on campsite condition and human impact trends over a 7-year period on 3 forests and 5 districts of the A-B Wilderness. 450 sites of data	GYCC priority. Important assessment of trends for use in future decisions on wilderness, recreation, wildlife and watershed management. Useful for GYA Recreation Assessment.	Volunteers - \$30,000	\$5,000
Shoshone NF	Winter Visitor Use Monitoring	NFRW	Enhancement of winter visitor use in specific forest areas that may serve as a barometer for winter recreation use changes occurring in the region.	GYCC priority. Critical to management of winter visitor use experiences and protection of natural resources.		\$6,000
Shoshone NF	Togwotee Highway Bear Movement Study	NFWF	Funds used to augment Wildlife Movement Study funded by WYDOT and Federal Highways. Gather information on T&E species and wildlife use of Togwotee Pass area.	GYCC priorities. Data gathered on use of important linkage area for T&E species, and other important wildlife.	IGBST, WGF	\$10,000
Shoshone NF	Shoshone Invasive Species Project –WMA support	NFVW NFRG	Continue to provide technical and financial support for 7 CWMA's, working on noxious weed management across the Shoshone NF region.	GYCC priority. CWMA's have proven to be most effective means of weed management across public and private lands.	Private landowners, BLM, WGF, State Parks, YNP, WYDOT, Park County Weed and Pest = \$10,000	\$7,500
Shoshone NF	Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Mapping	NFWF NFIM	Map Yellowstone Cutthroat trout habitat in streams and lakes across the forest. Detailed fish population and habitat at the scale of drainage, streams, stream reaches or lakes.	GYCC priority. Important information for YCT restoration, conservation. Useful for forest plan revision and management decisions.	WGF	\$6,500
NER	Elk, People and Plant Communities: A century of change at the National Elk Refuge	NFWF	A book for scientists and resource managers on processes that alter natural plant communities. Useful for Bison and Elk Management plans, and for natural plant rest. & mgt.	GYCC priority. Important synthesis of data for native plant restoration and integrity of wildlife habitat, watershed conditions.	Grand Teton Natural History Assoc., Charles Englehardt Fnd., National Elk Refuge Cooperating Association	\$5,000

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GTNP	Backcountry Visitor Use Assessment in Webb, Owl, and Berry Canyons	NFRW NFIM	First assessments of visitor use in northern canyon of Grand Teton NP. Use automated counters and field validation.	GYCC priority. Critical information for near-term planning projects in the park. Important for management of visitor use in wildlife- rich area.	IGBST, Beringia South = \$10,000	\$5,000
GTNP	Grizzly bear-Black bear – Human Interactions in GTNP	NFWF NFIM	Determine cumulative effects of predator prey dynamics, predator prey relationships, bear-human conflicts in face of expanding grizzly bear and wolf use of GTNP.	GYCC priority. Important for adaptive management of grizzly bears, human recreation and ungulate management in the southern GYA.	IGBST, WCS, USGS, NPS NRPP = \$165,000	\$7,500
GTNP	Population Estimate for Pronghorn Antelope Summering in JH area	NFWF NFIM	Initiate survey program to rigorously and accurately estimate the number of antelope summering in JH Valley and vicinity on a regular basis.	GYCC priority. Important information for land use and land protection efforts in the southern GYA, critical for long distance ungulate migrations.	WCS, USFS –BTNF = \$3,000	\$2,500
YNP	Whitebark Pine Plus Tree Program	NFVW NFIM	Identify 10 whitebark pine Plus – Trees monitoring trees in YNP.	GYCC priority. Plus trees will be instrumental in establishing blister rust resistant whitebark pine in the GYA.	IGBST, All GYA units	\$5,000
YNP	Inventory of Yellowstone and Snake River Finespotted Cutthroat Trout in the Upper Snake River	NFWF	Document the geographic distribution of cutthroat trout species in the Upper Snake River drainage, and remote headwaters.	GYCC priority. Baseline information for cutthroat trout conservation plans.	FWS, FS, NPS, WGF \$35,000	\$7,500
YNP	Assessment of Native Cutthroat Trout in the Upper Yellowstone	NFWF	Initiate surveys of native cutthroat trout distribution, ecology, habitat, species health, above Yellowstone Lake	GYCC priority. Baseline information for cutthroat trout conservation plans	YNP Foundation, USWFS, FS, WGF = \$70,000	\$10,000

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GYA	Recreation Assessment	NFRW	Complete assessment of Spring, Summer and Fall recreation trends, uses and challenges across all GYE units.	GYCC Priority and a FS threat. Will be useful in upcoming planning efforts on parks, forests and refuges. Will elucidate opportunities for more coordination	GYCC Unit programs	\$72,000
GYA	GYA Weed Map	NFWW	Support for GYA Weed Map and reprint two noxious weed brochures for GYA wide use. "Why you should care about weeds", and Pocket Guide.	GYCC priority. Education is key component of the GYA weed committees' strategy to control the spread of weeds.	Counties, All GYCC units.	\$5,000
GYA	Fire/Fuels Vegetation Database for GYE	Fire/ Fuels	Complete development of a GYE Fuel Model database and GIS layer. Implement, test and monitor use of fuel model database.	GYCC emphasis. Finish project committed to in 2002.	All GYCC units, FS Fire Lab	\$10,000
GYA	Projects Summary Report 2000-2004	NPS	Summarize and highlight projects that received GYCC funding between 2000-2004	Use internally to inform staff and managers of accomplishments, lessons and contacts. External use for marketing and building additional support.		\$10,000